(b) whether any guidevne have been suggested by Central Government to the State Government for invoking TADA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) As per information obtained from the Government of Tamil Nadu, 128 persons have so far been detained by them under TADA.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Killing of Train Passengers at Sohian Railway Crossing

279. SHRI HARVENDPA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terrorists in Punjab gunned down 60 train passengers at Sohian railway crossing near Jagraon on 26-12-91;

(b) if so, whether the terrorists have not been nabbed till date;

(c) if so, the details of the compensation paid by Government to the next of kin of those killed by terrorists; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to provide safety to railway commuters in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) According to available information from the Govt. of Punjab, 52 passengers were killed and 18 were injured on 26-12-91 at Sohian railway crossing near Jagraon.

(b) A case has been registered against the culprits and State Govt. has been making all efforts to nab the culprits.

(c) The Govt. of Punjab have formulated a scheme according to which an *ex-gratia* grant of Rs. 50,000/- to the next of kin of persons killed in terrorists violence is paid. Widows of the deceased persons are also allowed subsistence allowance of Rs. 1,000 per month till one member of the family is absorbed in Government Service. Injured persons are paid an *ex-gratia* grant of Rs. 5,000— plus total reimbursement of expenditure on indoor treatment. A lumpsum grant of Rs. 50,000/- is paid in case of 100% disability. A compensation upto Rs. one lakh is paid for the loss of property. Marriage grant of Rs. 10,000/- is paid for the marriage of daughter and sister of person killed. Facility of loah at concessional rates and free education to the children of victims of terrorist violence are also extended.

(d) The security agencies are taking appropriate action including patrolling of rail tracks etc.

Steps to curb Terrorism

280. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that at the 17th meeting of the Central Zonal Council held in Lukcknow on January 8, 1992, a two-pronged plan was evolved for tackling terrorism which was no longer confined only to Punjab and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken so far for tackling terrorism in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to c) The Government is fully alive to the situation created by the terrorists elements in the country and is determined to ensure that a durable climate of peace and stability prevails throughout the country. The policy of the Government is to deal firmly with the terrorists elements in the country and simultaneously step up socio-economic development in the affected areas to redress to the genuine grievances of the people. Various steps are being taken by the Government in this direction with the close co-operation of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government is rendering all possible assistnace to the affected States in the form of additional para-military forces, provsion of training facilities to the State police personnel, improved communication facilities etc.

Killings and Border Crossing in J and K

281. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: